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Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, advised to the best of his memory on the morning of November 24, 1963, between 5:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., his telephone was not in use by any members of his family. Chief CURRY related that because he had lost so much sleep during that period he does not recall receiving any telephone calls during that period although he stated it is possible he could have received a call and did not recall it. Chief CURRY stated that at 6:30 a.m. on November 24, 1963, a squad car arrived at his home on the instructions of Captain CECIL E. TALBERT of the Dallas Police Department, who advised he wanted Chief CURRY to call him immediately at the Dallas Police Department. Chief CURRY related he immediately called Captain TALBERT at which time Captain TALBERT advised him of the anonymous call relating to the threat which had been received against OSWALD's life from the Federal Bureau of Investigation earlier. Chief CURRY stated this was the first information regarding this threat he had received.

Chief CURRY advised that if the telephone was out of order during the period from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., November 24, 1963, he was not aware of it. Chief CURRY advised he is now aware that Captain W. B. FRAZIER of the Dallas Police Department had attempted to reach him early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, and had gotten a busy signal. Chief CURRY related he had no reason to think his telephone was out of order because as soon as he was informed that Captain TALBERT wanted to talk to him he called Captain TALBERT at approximately 6:30 a.m., November 24, 1963.

Chief CURRY stated he had to make the decision as to when and how LEE HARVEY OSWALD would be transferred from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail on November 24, 1963. At approximately 9:00 a.m. he and Assistant Chief of Police CHARLES BATCHELOR discussed the possibility of using an armored car. Chief CURRY stated Assistant Chief BATCHELOR contacted HAROLD FLEMING of the Armored Car Service in regard to obtaining the service of an armored truck. The question arose as to whether or not the armored truck would be small enough to be moved into the basement from the street by way of the ramp. Mr. FLEMING, according to Chief CURRY, advised Assistant Chief BATCHELOR

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he had a large and a small armored vehicle and would send both of them to the Dallas Police Department. Chief CURRY related that at about 10:45 a.m. Mr. FLEMING advised the Dallas Police Department he had the truck ready.

Chief CURRY stated that at about 11:00 a.m., he discussed further the use of this truck with Assistant Chief BATCHELOR and it was decided the armored truck would not be used to transport OSWALD to the Dallas County Jail. Instead, Chief CURRY advised it was his decision that a police caravan should be used and that a police escort would be furnished the armored car followed by another police car. The third car which was to be an unmarked police car would be the one used to transport OSWALD. The automobile transporting OSWALD would then be followed by another armed police car giving the appearance that OSWALD was being carried in the armored truck. Chief CURRY stated the reason the change was made was due to the earlier threats on November 24, 1963, against OSWALD's life. Chief CURRY further advised this decision was made by him with the concurrence of Assistant Chief BATCHELOR, Deputy Chief M. W. STEVENSON, and Captain WILL FRITZ of the Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department. According to Chief CURRY, this decision was made at 11:00 a.m., November 24, 1963, and that OSWALD was escorted to the basement from FRITZ' office approximately 18 to 20 minutes following that decision. Chief CURRY related that the decision was his to use the armored truck in the first instance and the decision was also made by him to change the plans at the last minute for the use of an unmarked police car in an effort to disguise the actual vehicle which was to be used in transporting OSWALD. He said Deputy Chief M. W. STEVENSON, Assistant Chief of Police BATCHELOR, and Captain FRITZ of the Dallas Police Department, were merely following his instructions.

Chief CURRY advised the armored truck had arrived at the Dallas Police Department to the best of his memory prior to the decision to use the unmarked police car as the vehicle for transporting OSWALD from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail and this decision to use the unmarked police car was made prior to the transferring of OSWALD from the Homicide Bureau to the basement of the Dallas Police Department where OSWALD was to be located in the unmarked police car.